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Title: **POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM FOR USE WITH BUSINESS
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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated April 20, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-26, 28-44.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(b), the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is \$330.00. Please charge Deposit Account No.: 16-1885 in the amount of \$330.00 to cover the above fees.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1885. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed for use in charging the Deposit Account.

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